Many of the Hardest Hitting Outfielders in Major Leagues Are Players Who Made Professional Debut as Pitchers

ANY OUTFIELDERS PITCHING CONVERTS

Major League's Leading Fly Chasers Started Career as Twirlers.

FOE WOOD THE LATEST

Seymour. Hooper, Leach and Kauff Originally Hurlers.

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be Wood's splendid all around playin the Cleveland outfield last week
spectry well clinched old Smoky
s hold on the Cleveland payroll,
ing the Glant-Cleveland jaunt
ough Texas, Louisians and Tennessee
spring Cleveland players furnished
information that Joe was acting as
club's utility outfielder. It generally
taken with a grin, but since then
of has proved that he is by no means
its in the outskirts. Joe always was
its handy with his bat, and playing
ry day he is hitting better than
in he appeared only at intervals in
Boston batting order as a pitcher,
od also has developed into a splendid
ler. His catches have featured many
the recent Cleveland games.
Food of course has little chance to
a regular berth in the Cleveland
seld, which is taken care of by
a sble athletes as Graney, Speaker
Roth, but Joe's work this spring has
wen that he might strengthen quite

clubs.
there is nothing surprising in a
turning outfielder. It is an old
in It brings to mind that some
leading outfield hitters of the
generation started in either the

enlin and Sermour Pitchers.

wo of the greatest pitcher thumpers ever wore a Giant uniform opened to big league careers as pitchers, say Mike Donlin and Cy Seymour, romped in McGraw's outfield ten sago. Cy's wildness detracted from natural worth as a pitcher. He lots of stuff, but he could hit so that he soon drifted to the out. Donlin never showed much as a her, but if he had any latent ablin that line it mover was brought as Mike hit too hard for any pitchroles.

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oger Bresnahan also may be ined among the Giants' pitching outers. Though Bresnahan did his best
it for the Giants as a catcher, Roger
ed the best part of two seasons in
Giant outfield. He originally came
with the old Washington Nationals
pitcher, but didn't hold on and went
t to the bushes. Later he played
and base on McGraw's American
gue Baltimore Orioles and did some
hing besides. He played the outfor the Giants when he came to
y York and didn't really begin catchregularly until 1985.

down to the more recent Giant a, fans may be surprised to at Beany Kauff once was a When Arthur Irwin first picked y for the Yankees back in 1910 alugger was playing with Western League in 1907. or the Tankees back in 1910 or alugger was playing with bury in the Virginia Valley When Arthur first saw Benny of one-half of a double header ocaught the second half.
Robertson, who played beside a the last world's series, also is career as a pitcher. Dave or North Carolina State College to Forest College and was re-

and Wake Forest College and was regarded as the crack college pitcher of the Virginia-Carolina district. He was made even higher than Eppa Rixey, at that time the star pitcher of Virginia University. Robertson did some splendid pitching in the Tidewater League. In independent organisation, in 1911 and came to the Giants as a pitcher in 1912, but an injury to his shoulder, sustained during a football game, spoiled his arm for pitching. He then was tried out at that base and eventually reached the castiled.

Ban Francisco, May 11.—At the Civic Auditorium here last night the patriotic boxing show drew one of the largest castiled.

Then Beals Becker, formerly of the gants and later with the Reds and billies, also started off as a pitcher. Socker gitched for Little Rock in 1906 and Wichita in 1906, before he began sufficient at the latter place.

Mooper & College Harler.

While most converted pitchers event-ually go to the outfield this is by no means always the case. Every one knows that George Sisier, the great Brown first baseman, was a wonderful pitcher at college, but not so many fans know that Frank Baker started life as a pitcher. He used to twirl for Charley Mersog's Ridgely (Md.) semi-pro team. Thody Wellace, starting his twenty-third season in the big league as a mem-

Group of Former Twirlers Who Achieved Fame Chasing Balls in the Outfield



1895 and became a famous infielder by socident more than anything else. They didn't carry many utility men in those days, and when an accident occurred to a regular they shoved in a pitcher. An accident to Cleveland's third baseman forced Pat Tebeau to employ Wallace at that base, and Rhody made good from the start. He became Cleveland's regu-lar third baseman, and later switched to shortstop.

LEONARD HELPS TO **COLLECT \$23,000**

Auditorium here last night the patriotic boxing show drew one of the largest crowds that has assembled in the history of boxing in California. James W. Coffroth headed the committee of the most prominent citizens from Mayor Rolph down. The receipts amounted to about \$19,000, with about \$4,000 collected from the crowd. making a total of \$23,000, which will be turned over to the boys in the camps for the purpose of buying athletic equipment. The 10,000 people present cheered Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, for

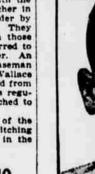
that fall. He went back to the minors, but continued in the outfield, and alnow then has made good with a vengance in Cincinnati.

Joe Connolly, whose big bat helped Stallings win the National League championship in Bostor in 1914, also started out as a pitchea He once pitched in the Southern League, but he was a coor pitcher and his hitting ability gave him a chance to show his worth ha another department.

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Wilbur Goode, who played the outfield for the Braves, Cube and Phillies up to a year or so ago, was a pitcher in his younger days. He had a pitching tryout with the Tankees in 1905 and 1905. It probably will be news to most fans to hear that Wee Tommy Leach, the pint sized outfielder, who starred for the Pirates for many years, originally was a pitcher. Tommy pitched work for Geneva, N. Y., and Youngstown, Ohio, back in 1897, before he switched work to third base.

Marry Wolter, former outfielder of the Tankees, who was with the Cubs last season, originally came into the big langues as a pitcher and twirted for the Tankees, who was with the Cubs last season, originally came into the big last find, will also be in the lineup. Willer once toonwrited pitchers event-wally go to the outfield this is by no means always the case. Every one knows that George Sisler, the great shows that George Sisler, the great shows that George Sisler, the great shows that Frank Baker started life as shown that Frank Baker started life as the first started lif



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DONOVAN IS BEST IN TITULAR SHOOT

Wins New York A. C. Cham- Enters Decoration Day 100 pionship After Tieing Newcomb and Curtis.

Mary Hooper, like Davey Robertson, was a college pitcher, but the all around fieldity of the Red Box star made it inseems to find a place for him in the vegular lineup. The brilliant Boston American fly chaser pitched for St. Kary's College in California and in continued in his youth when he was a pitcher.

Eddie Graney, whom Joe Wood has been substituting for in Cleveland, put in the best part of his minor lesgue scarce in the twiling department and was a pretty good pitcher in the Pacific Geast Lesgue before he was converted that an outfielder, Graney pitched minor lesgue ball from 1965 to 1901.

Temmy Ortifith, who is playing fine ball in Matty's outfield in Cincinnati, pitched four straight seasons in the few England Lesgue without attracting any attention. He was a pitched up by the Braves that fall. He want beak to the minoral stat continued in the outfielder, and since then has made good with a vengeance in Cincinnati.

FOILTON TO CLAIM TITLE.

FORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—Fred Full-Brandebour to the purpose of buying athletic equipment? The 19,000 present the transplor for the purpose of buying athletic equipment? The 19,000 present cheered Benny Lecampion, for the Ampion, for a the Ampion, for the Ampion, for the Ampion for the Ampion, for the Ampion for the Curampton for the Ampion for the Curampton ninth and tenth prises. On the shoot off they finished with A. L. Burns leading, B. E. Eldred taking the next and J. I. Brandenburg the tenth prize.

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maica Bay Traps. Klesick was the high scratch gunner at the Jamaica Bay traps of the Bergen Beach Gun Club yesterday. He won first prize with the excellent run TENNIS MATCH POSTPONED.

City College's tennis match with Stevens Institute at the Lavendar Marion courts and the track meet with Fordham were both indefinitely postponed yesterday on account of City College's less of a few of the best varsity competers.

B. Hagnus, A. L. Griffith, H. D. Berthe best varsity competers.

RESTA TO COMPETE IN AUTO CLASSIC

Mile Handicap Race at Sheepshead Bay.

Dario Resta, the most consistent win-

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